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STARVATION THREATENS

Another Black Spot in Russia's History Approaches.

CROPS ARE BURNED UP

Winter to Bring Scene of Famine-Stricken Peasants.

GRAIN BEING BOUGHT

Government Making Effort to Avert Catastrophe.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—The day on which the first fruits of the harvest were blessed in the churches, which was celebrated throughout Russia, this week must have been a day of mourning in many of the provinces. The outlook has grown almost every day during the last four weeks. Even vegetables, including potatoes, have been largely burned by the scorching heat in some districts.

The approaching winter will be one of the gloomiest Russia has ever seen.

The government has already begun preparations for the feeding of the population in districts where starvation is threatening. By a law adopted some time ago, the Zemstvos, or district assemblies, are relieved from all responsibility in the matter, the famine relief funds now being turned over to the central government.

Agents for the ministry of the interior are engaged in buying grain, though the Russian press is forbidden to mention the matter. The precise object of this prohibition is difficult to divine. It cannot be possible that the government thinks the grain speculators can be taken unawares, and the secret with which the prices and the localities of purchases are invested can hardly be conducive to economy.

The latest trustworthy reports show the crop condition about August 1. Excessive heat and aridity prevailed during the preceding six weeks. This cut off the development of the grain and unduly hastened maturity. Sufficient rainfall was had only in the western and Baltic provinces. The winter grain naturally suffered comparatively little from the weather and the harvest of winter grain will be good in the provinces of Kiev, Podolia, Bessarabia, and Kherson. In some portions of the black earth district, particularly the province of Chernigov, Volynia, Kurland, in the province of Minsk, Grodno, Vilna, Vitebsk and Smolensk, in portions of the Baltic territory, in Finland and in a portion of the central region. In the remaining portions of the empire the winter grain will shade off from below medium to very bad, and the official report adds hesitantly that "the condition of spring grain is below that of winter grain."

The harvest of spring grain will be "entirely below" in the southwest, the Volynia provinces and portions of the northwest. It is bad throughout the immense southwestern territory between the Dniester and the Dnieper. Percentage estimates have not been given.

PEACE

COLUMBIAN MINISTER TO THE CLAIMS WILL BE PRESERVED.

Nevertheless There Are 10,000 Troops on the Border.

Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 29.—Dr. Luis Carlos Rio, Colombian minister to Venezuela before his departure for Bogota officially assured Senator Velez, governor of Cartagena, that he was going to inform his government with reference to the situation between Venezuela and Colombia. He expressed the opinion that peace would be preserved by and between both nations, and that the existing difficulties would be overcome. The Colombian official government in Cartagena declares that the entire province of Falcón, Venezuela, including Colombia, south of Maracaibo, is in the power of the Venezuelan insurgents.

London, Aug. 29.—The Daily Mail publishes today an article written by Arthur B. Hays, former Turkish consul in Rotterdam, declaring that the massacre of Armenians by Kurds, which has just been announced, is part of a regular system of extermination. He says: "The sum of Armenians killed will depend upon the outcry raised in Europe and the pressure brought to bear upon the sultan. The same horrible process will be repeated year by year until all are killed."

ATROCIOUS

MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS IN SYSTEM OF EXTERMINATION.

Some Horrible Process Is to Be Repeated Year After Year.

SECRETARY LONG ILL

Is Confined at Home at Present With Slight Malady.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Secretary Long is confined to his home by sickness but is expected to resume his duties at the war department in a day or two.

General Gillespie has been designated acting secretary by the president under an act of 1881, which authorizes the head of a bureau to be acting secretary. A year ago the president issued an executive order designating General Miles to be acting secretary in the war department during the absence of the secretary and assistant secretary and in the absence of General Miles, then General Corbin was to act.

It is supposed that all persons designated to perform the duty of secretary were absent and General Gillespie was selected.

Hospital Ship Arrives From Manila

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—The naval hospital ship Schamrock, arrived today from Manila via Guam and Honolulu. The vessel brought a number of passengers, among them the wives and children of naval officers.

The Schamrock is to be laid up for repairs at Mare Island. She has been in service several years, and has made a number of trips between here and the Philippines.

PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT

It Is Believed That Sultan Will Do Right by Peace.

Constantinople, Aug. 29.—The Turkish ministry declares the French claims yesterday. It is believed that full satisfaction will be given in France.

Paris, Aug. 29.—M. Constant, the

French Ambassador to Turkey, arrived in Paris today from Constantinople and had a conference with the foreign minister M. Delcasse. In an interview afterward M. Constant said he would not return to Constantinople until the dispute was settled. M. Delcasse at today's conference confirmed the statement that he (M. Constant) had acted in perfect accord with the views of the government. The ambassador did not think the sultan would hold out very long, while as to the possibility of war between France and Turkey, M. Constant said it was quite out of the question.

The Echo de Paris says it learns that if the sultan does not satisfy French demands within 24 hours surveillance over the young Turkish party in France will no longer be enforced.

CZAR

IS EXPECTED AT COPENHAGEN BY MONDAY AT LATEST.

City Full of Russian Detectives in Anticipation of Visit.

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—The city is full of Russian detectives in anticipation of the czar's visit. Two Russians were arrested here last night, and the authorities tried to keep the matter secret. The rough weather prevailing renders the czar's arrival before Monday improbable.

A liberal demonstration in honor of King Christian has been arranged for Sunday. It promises to be the greatest display of its kind witnessed here in years. Delegations from all sections of Denmark will pass in review before the palace, after which there will be a great meeting and banquet. The king will personally open the ringdang on October.

CINCH

UNITED MINE WORKERS LABOR HARD FOR ONE.

Adopt Resolution to Secure Justice From Coal Companies.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 29.—With the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions the United Mine Workers this afternoon practically finished their work. The convention will adjourn tomorrow.

The resolutions recommend written instead of verbal agreements with all the coal companies, strict compliance with the present contract and continuation of the card inspection system as now conducted, and instruct President Mitchell and the district presidents to confer with the coal companies regarding card inspection and violation of agreements and to arrange for a joint conference. These officers are vested with power to declare a strike if contracts now in force are not lived up to.

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On the other hand, Superintendent Piper of the Star Plant announced that he is nearly ready to start up the other mills of the plant and that the men are now waiting for the improvements to be completed are in the mill. In the Painter mills the work is progressing smoothly and no desertions are reported. New men are being secured, though the officials say that on Sunday the strikers made an active canvass of the homes of the men at work, seeking to induce them to remain away from the plant. The last two mills in the Painter plant were to have been started today but it was found impossible to have them ready and the starting was postponed for a few days.

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The only significant action in Lawrenceville today was the successful starting of the Golden rule in the lower Colorado mill of the Carnegie company. The start was made, according to the officials, with a full crew and the mill will be run without interruption. Regarding the rumor that the Steelworkers' strike would affect the opening of the window glass plants this fall, a prominent manufacturer today said the reason given for this was absurd. The building trades, he said, have not been affected by the strike in the least, as was asserted. The structural steel mills have not been stopped at any time, and buildings have been carried up without interruption. If there is a delay in starting the glass factory fires, they say, it will be for other causes.

There was little of interest about the headquarters of the Amalgamated Association today. The cause of the absence of Assistant Secretary Tighe was explained in a report from Chicago, which says that he is engaged with Vice President Davis in organizing a new Amalgamated lodge in South Chicago, which will take the place of the one expelled by him two weeks ago. It is said that it members have been secured for this new lodge out of the membership of the former lodge.

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CASE IS DELAYED

Police Captain Diamond of New York City Has Hearing.

New York, Aug. 29.—There was another hearing in the supreme court today in the case of Police Captain Diamond, who is under indictment charged with neglect of duty in failing to suppress a disorderly house in his precinct. At its conclusion Justice Gilchrist granted a motion made by the district attorney to modify the order in the case in so far as it strikes out that portion of Justice Tamm's order, which orders a stay of all proceedings pending the arguments for the change of venue and the transferring of the case to the supreme court. On the

STRIKERS DESERTING

Company Claims It Has Received Application for Work

FROM FORMER EMPLOYEES

Association Still Holds Out for Labor's Rights.

GAIN MANY LABORERS

Claim to Have Sent Back Crowd to Chicago.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 29.—Officials of the mills of the United States Steel corporation that were closed by the strike of the Amalgamated Association stated today that they are receiving many applications from former employees for work. The announcement that the company would start their mills non-union has, officials believe, caused a weakening in the ranks of the strikers. Many are seeking cover. The Amalgamated officials, however, assert that their ranks are unbroken, and as strong as ever. One of the steel officials said today that a general mistake was being made regarding the time it would take to train inexperienced men and make them as capable of operating the mills as any of those out on a strike. This has been believed to be the case for so long that few have taken the trouble to prove it otherwise. It is now determined, he said, to have new men placed in positions that will give them a chance to learn the skilled work, and many of the men who held mental positions in the union mills are to be taught skilled work with which they are in a measure familiar through long association with the workings of the mills. It is confidently asserted that before many months pass it will be possible to produce many new men and plenty to man all the plants that are now idle and which union men have refused to take hold of. The strikers say it will take years to accomplish this.

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DECISION FAVORS BANKS

Comptroller Says Congress Doesn't Assess Duplicate Taxes.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The comptroller of the treasury has rendered a decision regarding the question of a duplicate tax on bank dividends. In this case a certain bank owned stock in and received dividends of several other banks. These banks had paid the tax on the dividends declared by them and the question involved is whether the original bank should be required to pay a tax on that part of its income which it received in dividends from the other banks. The comptroller holds that it was not the intention of congress to assess a duplicate tax upon the same identical income or profits.

UNEXCELLED

CUBA DAY AT EXPOSITION IS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

Began With National Hymn and Ends With "Star Spangled Banner."

Buffalo, Aug. 29.—Cuba day at the exposition was an unqualified success. The exercises held in its honor in the Temple of Music began with Cuban national hymns and ended with "Star Spangled Banner" and three cheers for the stars and stripes. On the stage sat all the Cuban commissioners with their wives, and many representatives of the Latin-American nations. Commissioner Parres of Cuba, presided. In his address, after referring to the war which had devastated his country and to the fact that Cuba had nevertheless raised the arts and industries to a high plane, Senor Parres said: "A great deal of our success is attributable to the persistence and vitality of our own people and to the people of the United States, for it is a man in Cuba who does not feel a profound sense of gratitude for the United States, and everyone prays for the continued progress and preeminence of the great republic."

Other speakers were Daniel M. Lockwood, representing the Exposition company; F. B. Macdonald, special Cuban school commissioner; Don Lucas Brail Gonzales Jorin, and Mayor Diehl of Buffalo.

RECREANCY

PIERCE CITY SHERIFF HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LYNCHING

Could Have Prevented Death of Innocent If He Wished.

BAFFLED

MOB DISPENSES WITHOUT FINDING NEGRO ASSAILANT.

Bloodhound Tracked Him to Mine but No Frail Him.

Holden, Mo., Aug. 29.—"Boss" Francis, the murderer of Miss Mary Henderson of Columbus, Mo., on Tuesday evening, has thus far eluded his pursuers and tonight the large posse that has been searching for him party disbanded, discouraged over the failure of their efforts, after having been, as they supposed, at the point of capturing the negro. A pack of bloodhounds were obtained today from Manhattan, Kansas, and taken to the Hyatt farm, the scene of the murder. They found the trail of Francis and very readily followed it straight to the coal mine at Holden, where a negro named John Hardin, whose wife is an aunt of Francis. The posse consisted of 20 men. They were sure that Francis was hidden in the mine shaft, but as he was known to have two pistols, none of the men ventured to go down. Finally A. W. Rice, owner of the bloodhounds, entered the mine, taking the dogs with him, but failed to find Francis after a thorough search. Late this afternoon Deputy Sheriff Temple of Warrensburg called a council of the posse and after discussing the situation the men decided to leave for the night, leaving a few of their number on guard at the important points. The search will be continued tomorrow with a large number of men. Chas. W. Haff, brother-in-law of the murdered woman, will offer a reward for the arrest or body of Francis, and this is expected to stimulate the efforts of the volunteers.

"Boss" Francis is known to all the negroes in the country and is very popular among them. No one supposes that he has gone far from Columbus, and it is thought that no negro in the neighborhood would refuse him food or shelter. There are several negro settlements in the district and there are negro cabins everywhere. All the negroes have been disarmed and their houses searched by the volunteers.

There seems to be no doubt that Francis has fled to his uncle's home at Backwater and then took refuge in the woods. At this season of the year the vines and weeds along the numerous creeks afford a very thick shelter.

The three negroes taken to Warrensburg, suspected of having aided Francis in his flight, are in no danger, the town being entirely quiet tonight.

COURTING CHUN'S FAVOR

Prince Is Being Treated Decent by German Manufacturers.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—The difficulty in connection with the expropriation of the German Emperor's Chinese is still unsolved. It is understood that the Chinese minister to Germany, Lu Hsi Hsuan, who went to Berlin to see Prince Chun, did not intend to return to Berlin, although he did not take formal leave of Emperor William. It took as though military might might be used for weeks. In the meantime German manufacturers are sending scores of invitations to Prince Chun to visit their factory, with a view to securing orders.

HEAD IS SPLIT OPEN

Mother Superior of Colorado Killed in Accident.

PULLMAN TURNS OVER

Crushing Victim's Head Between Rail and Car.

TWO SISTERS INJURED

Cause of Accident a Mystery to All Officials.

Denver, Aug. 29.—A special to the News from Durango, Colorado, says: By the turning over of a Pullman on the westbound Rio Grande train at 11:15 this morning, Mother Superior of Denver, mother superior of Colorado, was killed and Sisters of Mercy Nora and Harley McCody, also of Denver, and Pullman Conductor Whan were injured. The accident occurred on the Lohaty sidetrack about 19 yards from the high bridge, five miles east of Chama. Railroad men and passengers alike are unable to explain why the car turned over, as the time was slower than usual. The track is in good condition and there was no breakage before the accident. The car was dragged about 25 feet. Mother Superior was sitting on the left side and the car turned to the right. She was thrown across the aisle and half way through an open window, her head and shoulders being dragged between the side of the car and the ties. She was dead before anyone reached her. Her head being split open. Sister Mary Nora is hurt internally and her injuries are quite serious. Harley McCody was asleep when the car came, his arm slipping through the window, and his hand was ground off at the wrist. Conductor Whan had his left hip crushed and was also injured internally. Dr. McDowell, state health inspector, was about the train and cared for Dr. Russell, who came through to Durango.

The idea underlying this warning appears to be that Russia having attained her objects in Eastern Asia is now ready to pursue similar aims in the Balkans. One Berlin paper has gone so far as to describe the agreement of 1897 as "an instrument to keep Austria quiet while Russia is engaged in Manchuria."

DEATH LIST INCREASED

Disastrous Results of Wreck on Delaware Being Incorported.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—The result of the explosion of the boiler on the steamer City of Trenton while on her way up the Delaware river from this city to Trenton, N. J., yesterday afternoon was more serious than was at first supposed. Nine persons are known positively to have been on the steamer and two of the injured still in the hospital probably will die.

Although the search for the remains of a corps of city police have been dragging the river ever since yesterday afternoon they have been unable to find any more bodies. That there are more victims in the river is the firm belief of the authorities and their failure to find additional dead is supposed to be due to the strong current in the river at the point where the explosion occurred.

The water was pumped out of the hull of the burned steamer after which a careful search was made for additional victims of the explosion, but none was found. As to the exact cause of the explosion nothing is yet known, but a rigid investigation is to be conducted at once.

Many of the passengers who escaped injury maintain that the City of Trenton which was late when she left her wharf in this city, was running at her topmost speed, and that if this had not been the case the accident would not have happened. This is partly borne out by a statement made to have been made by Assistant Engineer John D. Chesser, who told his wife that he expected to be killed by an explosion on the steamer, as the company made the engineers keep up too high a pressure of steam.

Two Persons Are Killed by Accident in New York.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 29.—The automobile of John Lester, 3030 Belmont street, on the Northern Central road, and which arrived in this village at 6 o'clock, was derailed at the station at Fairview, about 15 miles north of here. Two persons were killed and 2 injured, two probably fatally. The dead: William Meagher, engineer, of Bodas Falls; Howard Tubb, ticket agent, of Bodas Falls.

The most seriously injured are: Lillian Ford, Newark, N. J., fatally; Rev. Dr. Burgess, Newark, N. J., a Presbyterian clergyman, probably fatally; Mrs. Burgess.

Nearly all the injured were enabled by the bursting of the steam pipes running under the cars.

THREE ARE SELECTED

Will Be Recommended to General Conference of Anti-Tammany.

New York, Aug. 29.—The conference committee of the Citizens Union tonight selected three out of the six names to be recommended to the committee of 10, and later to the general conference of the anti-Tammany organization for the nomination for mayor of Greater New York. The three names selected are: George Foster Peabody, banker, Independent Democrat; Elmer S. Otis, contractor, Democrat; Seth Leach, president of Columbia University, Republican.

As to who the other three names on the list are, all is conjecture as none of the conferees would divulge them.

MUSTN'T TOUCH 'EM

Strikers Forbidden to Lay Hand on Non-Unionists.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—A police judge may be arrested without warrant and held in the criminal court for unlawful interference if they touch a non-union man and report the violation of a non-union law. This was the purpose of a decision rendered here today by Justice Doyle, when he held to the criminal court James Brown, and Herman Ungewald, two of the strikers of the Iron Moulders' Union of North America, who on August 2, pulled the sleeve of Anton Kolman, a non-unionist, and said: "Don't speak with him."

HARD TO BELIEVE

Snow Falls in Blizzards Shows in Alpine Pass in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 29.—A report was received today at the headquarters of the Colorado Southern railway in the effect that snow fell in a blizzard about an hour at Alpine Pass today and was followed by a severe hard storm.

SCRAP OVER BANKS

Austria Warns Russia to Keep Her Finger Out.

London, Aug. 29.—The Russian premier, M. Sturges, recently visited Vienna, where he had long conferences with Count Goltzschewski, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, on the situation in the Balkans. He also conferred with General von Bock, chief of the Austro-Hungarian general staff. Immediately after this visit, articles appeared in the semi-official Hungarian papers—articles believed to be written by Count Goltzschewski—

CONCLAVE IS ENDED

Magnificent Ball Winds Up Last Festivities.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1904

Knights Will Meet at San Francisco.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Election of Officers Occupy Most of Time.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 29.—After electing officers and selecting San Francisco as the place of meeting the first Tuesday in September, 1904, the 25th triennial convocation of the Knights Templar, which has been in progress here since Tuesday, today adjourned to date set.

The election of officers occupied the greater part of today's session. In the selection of the grand junior warden and the grand recorder occurred the only contest.

In the contest for grand rectorship W. H. Mayo of St. Louis, who held the office for six years, was pitted against John A. Garraway of Detroit. Mr. Mayo led in the first ballot, but steadily lost thereafter and the office went to the Detroit on the fifth ballot. H. Walby Lines of Connecticut was re-elected to the office of grand treasurer practically without opposition. When the elections were over the committee on time and place of next meeting reported. San Francisco was the only bidder and carried off the honor without a struggle. The installation of the new officers followed.

Rt. Knight Stoddard, the new grand master, was given an enthusiastic reception by Texas Templars tonight. The breakup of the convocation began early today and became marked after the grand ball. By tomorrow most of the Knights and their ladies will have left, either for their homes or for places of latest congeniality to Louisville. It is estimated that 6,000 people were present.

Receptions and excursions on the river were other features of the evening's entertainment.

Grand Master Stoddard appointed the following officers:

Grand standard bearer, Arthur C. MacArthur of Troy, New York; grand sword bearer, C. C. Vogt of Louisville; grand warden, Robert Strong of New Orleans; to succeed Harper M. Graham of Denver, Colorado; grand captain of the guard, Charles E. Renshaw of Little Rock, Arkansas.

ALL READY

CONSTITUTION PREPARED FOR FINAL TESTS SATURDAY.

Is in Perfect Condition and Expected Creditable Showing.

Bristol, R. I., Aug. 29.—With every detail put into the best of trim possible and her hull smooth and shining in a new coat of oil, the Constitution slid down the railway into the water at 5:30 o'clock this evening, ready for the final tests, which will commence Saturday at Newport. It was only a few months after the sinking of the Monitor that the Constitution was refitted and towed slowly down the bay for Calicut. When clear of the pier the Constitution's top sail, which had been hoisted during the progress of repairs was sent aloft. The crew were confident that the Constitution is in perfect condition and all expected that she will make a creditable showing in the trial races.

CONDEMNED

FORMER MINISTER OF SULTAN OF TURKEY DOOMED TO DIE.

His Offense Is the Writing of Private Life of Sultan.

Paris, Aug. 29.—M. George Dureux, son of the late Prince of Bismarck, a former minister of the Sultan of Turkey, and for nearly a year governor of Crete, has been sentenced to death by the sultan's court at the direction of Abdul Hamid II. This action was taken in Constantinople because of the publication of M. Dureux's book, "The Private Life of the Sultan."

The book was an angry Turkish ruler that he excused his influence in diplomatic channels to have it suppressed in all European countries. His efforts succeeded in Sweden, but the popular outcry against such action in Paris, was so strong that the government decided to export him.

M. Dureux recently left Constantinople some time ago and is now a resident of Paris, where he has identified himself with the young Turkish party.

ON UNION LABEL

Called Typographer of America Have Intending Discrimination.

Buffalo, Aug. 29.—At today's session of the United Typographers of America, the convention directed that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to make a study on behalf of the Typographers and other trades of the proposition that all trades be compelled to use the union label. The committee of 25 was appointed in the idea, on the ground that it is infringed upon the personal liberty of the citizen and this convention is of the same kind.

American Foresters Adjourn. Detroit, Aug. 29.—The American Forestry association completed its work today and adjourned at 4 o'clock. At the meeting session Prof. A. D. Hopkins of Massachusetts, W. W. Adams, assistant forester of the Forest and Game Preserve, U. S. gave many valuable hints on how to combat these pests.